

Guidelines and Terms of Service Agreement

Description of Program

The Adopt-a-Storm Drain (AASD) program is an initiative of the Carlton county Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) in channeling volunteers to aid in (1) pollution reduction by clearing away accumulated debris from the drain and curbside while also maintaining the performance of storm drains alongside (2) monitoring and assessment of the drain's condition.

Waiver and Release of Liability

By participating in the AASD program through the Carlton county SWCD, I am agreeing that I am voluntarily participating, that I have read and accept the *Terms and Conditions* below and agree to follow the *Volunteer Guidelines* provided. I acknowledge that participating does not come without the risk of injury or harm, and that I accept this risk and assume responsibility for all risk and liability associated with my participation.

I agree to hold harmless, release, waive and forever discharge the Carlton county SWCD and its employees from any and all claims or demands I may have by reason of any accident, illness, injury, loss, destruction or damage to property, arising or resulting directly or indirectly from my participation in this activity. I further covenant not to bring any legal action against the Carlton county SWCD or its employees for any injury, loss or damage resulting from my participation in this activity.

This Waiver and Release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, and all my family members, and applies to all losses, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, related to my participation in this activity.

Volunteer Guidelines

Thank you for your dedication to keeping waterways clean in our county and watersheds across the region! Your well-being and enjoyment are important to us as is your ability to be an environmental steward safely. We expect all volunteers to conduct themselves in a safe, courteous, and legal manner by following the guidelines below:

General Guidance:

- Never attempt to collect debris below the grate or attempt to remove the grate.
- Collect and dispose of debris in the trash or in either the recycling or compost if possible.
- Do not sweep material into storm drain (*this defeats the intent of the program*).
- Never leave piles of uncollected debris.
- Do not handle hazardous material or medical waste (eg. hypodermic needles) and instead notify your local public works.
- Use a broom, shovel, or rake whenever possible -- avoid using your hands.

Safety:

- Wear appropriate clothing (gloves, pants, long sleeves) and sturdy footwear alongside UV and eye protection (when necessary).
- Wear bright reflective vests or similar clothing so vehicles can see you.
- When possible, stay out of the street and work from curbside.
- Watch for traffic and always look both ways when crossing the street or do so at crosswalks if available.

Terms and Conditions

By participating in this program, the volunteer agrees to the following list of terms:

- Participation in AASD is entirely voluntary.
- Any and all information provided through the volunteer is expected to be true and accurate.
- Volunteers are responsible for their conduct and submitted content.
- All actions taken by the volunteer are expected to abide by city, state, and federal laws.
- Volunteers agree that any damages or fees resulting from negligent, reckless, or willful actions through themselves or family members are the sole responsibility of the volunteer.
- The SWCD holds the right to terminate a volunteer from AASD at its discretion and is not liable to the participant or any third parties involved.
- Volunteers agree that they are participating under their free choice.
- Information submitted and collected through AASD becomes property of the SWCD, and the SWCD holds no responsibility in the confidentiality of this information.
- The AASD program is the sole property of the SWCD and any links to content outside of this program are not the responsibility of the SWCD
- The SWCD and all project partners are held harmless in the event of any conflicts that arise through participation in AASD.
- The SWCD can modify and discontinue this program at any time and without notice to volunteers.
- You are 13 years of age or older, or are using this site under the supervision of a legal guardian who is responsible for your conduct as a minor.
- Volunteers participate in the AASD program at their own risk and agree that the SWCD, and its partners, hold no responsibility in the event of incurred damages or losses while using or participating in the AASD program.